

TO: Connecticut Chiefs of Police
Connecticut Police Training Officers
Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers

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SUBJECT: **Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)**

TUITION: **NO COST**

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, in partnership with the Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, has scheduled a (2) two day "Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement" (ARIDE) training class on **Thursday, February 24, 2022 thru Friday, February 25, 2022 from 0800-1600 hours**, in classroom #4 of the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450.

The ARIDE program was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with input from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP). ****The prerequisite for attending ARIDE is Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) certification that included at least one wet lab.**** Although the focus of ARIDE is on drug impaired driving, students will get a review of the SFSTs and must demonstrate their proficiency in front of an instructor. Students must pass this SFST proficiency exam to continue.

The SFST program trains officers to identify and assess drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol while the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) program provides more advanced training to evaluate suspected drug impairment. ARIDE is intended to bridge the gap between these two programs by providing officers with the general knowledge related to drug impairment and by promoting the use of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in the State of Connecticut. Students will be given an overview of the seven types of drug categories and the physiological effects these drugs have on the human body. Students will learn how to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both.

In addition, they will learn of medical conditions and other situations that can produce similar signs of impairment. The role of eye examinations in disclosing the possibility of drug impairment and in suggesting the possible category or categories of drugs being used, will be discussed. Students will receive the

latest updates in SFST Testing. Legal issues associated with impaired driving as well as pre and post-arrest procedures will also be discussed.

Topics include:

- The concept of “drugs” in the context of DWI enforcement.
- The role of eye examinations in disclosing the possibility of impairment.
- Medical conditions and other situations that can produce similar signs of impairment.
- Identification of the major categories of drugs.
- The observable effects of each of the seven major categories of drugs.
- The physiological effects likely to result from various combinations of drugs.
- Appropriate procedures for dealing with drug-impaired or medically-impaired suspects.
- SFST update.
- Legal issues associated with impaired driving.
- Pre-and post-arrest procedures.

Prerequisite: SFST Certification (24 Hour Minimum, including at least one Wet Lab)

All students must successfully complete all work assignments, including homework and all other components of this training program within the time period allowed. Students are expected to be punctual for all class meeting times and assignments.

Enrollment is limited to (35) officers. Please complete the registration form located on our website at www.ct.gov/post and forward to the attention of Brian Enns by email at Brian.Enns@ct.gov or fax to (203) 238-6119 by **February 4, 2022**.

Officers successfully completing this seminar will receive Review Training Credit as follows: Curriculum Area VI: Patrol Procedures, 10 hours.

There is no tuition for this course. Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants. Professional, business attire required. ****A LAPTOP IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE COURSE MATERIALS. NONE WILL BE PROVIDED, BRING YOUR OWN****

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